



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

In re application of: W. Thomas Novak.

Attorney Docket No.: NRCAP004

Application No.: 09/927,683

Examiner: David B. Esplin

Filed: August 9, 2001

Art Unit: 2851

Title: VACUUM COMPATIBLE AIR BEARING
STAGE

Confirmation No.: 6484

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on September 8, 2003.

Signed: _____

Karen Hallock

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

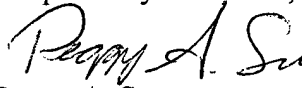
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 8, 2003, the period for response with a one-month extension of time which extends through September 8, 2003, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Invention I, claims 1-15, 18-28, 31-45, and 48-56 to prosecute in the above-identified patent application.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing this Response to Restriction Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-1652 (Order No. NRCAP004).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy A. Su".

Peggy A. Su

Reg. No. 41,336

RITTER, LANG & KAPLAN LLP
12930 Saratoga Ave., Suite D1
Saratoga, CA 95070
Tel: (408) 446-8690



Image

2851

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

W. THOMAS NOVAK

Application No.: 09/927,683

Filed: August 9, 2001

For: VACUUM COMPATIBLE AIR BEARING STAGE

Attorney Docket No.: NRCAP004

Examiner: DAVID B. ESPLIN

Group Art Unit: 2851

Date: September 8, 2003

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail to: Mail Stop Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on SEPTEMBER 8, 2003.

Signed: _____

Karen A. Hallock

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a one month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action/Restriction Requirement.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-1652 (Order No. NRCAP004).
- ☒ Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required during the pendency of the subject application, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1652 (Order No. NRCAP004).

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy A. Su

Peggy A. Su
Reg. No. 41,336

09/15/2003 GWORDOF1 00000012 09927683

01 FC:1251

110.00 OP

RITTER, LANG & KAPLAN LLP
12930 Saratoga Ave., Suite D1
Saratoga, CA 95070
408-446-8690